



TARIK B. SUGARMON - Judge  
Municipal Court - Division II

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**To:** Bridget Handy-Clay  
Liaison Memphis Charter Commission

**From:** Tarik B. Sugarmon, City Court Judge

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**Subject:** Draft of Language for Considered Charter Changes

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Please find attached the draft language for considered charter changes. The first expresses the judges duties for the current full time positions and potential additional part-time positions. The other is language for a proposed fourth and fifth divisions staffed by part-time judges.

Could you please assist me by providing copies for the Commission members? Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

The First, Second and Third divisions are full-time judgeships and they shall give their entire time and attention to the duties of their office, and it shall be unlawful for them to engage in the practice of law or engage in any business or profession not directly connected therewith; the fourth and fifth divisions are part-time judgeships and they shall give their primary time and attention to the duties of their office, and the city judges shall maintain a central office in the same building where the first three divisions of city court are located, and shall be available at all reasonable hours.

*(Current Language)*

**Sec. 255. Judge to give entire time to duties of office, etc.**

The city judge shall give his entire time and attention to the duties of his office, and it shall be unlawful for him to engage in the practice of law or engage in any business or profession not directly connected therewith, and the city judge shall maintain an office in the same building where the city court is located, and shall be available at all reasonable hours.

## Sec. (253.3)

- (a) A fourth (fifth) judgeship of the city court of the City of Memphis is hereby created. A fourth (fifth) division of the said city court of the City of Memphis is hereby created. The judge to be elected as hereinafter provided is hereby made judge of division four (five) of said court and shall serve on a part-time basis as set by the City Council.
- (b) The first judge of the fourth (fifth) division of said city court shall be elected at the next regular municipal election to be held on the first Thursday after the first Monday in November, 2011, there shall be elected a judge of division four (five) of the city court of the City of Memphis for a term of eight years beginning on the first day of January, 2012. Subsequent elections of said judge shall be held at the regular municipal elections when the Mayor and members of the City Council are elected, for a term of eight years coincident with the term now provide by law for said mayor and members of the city council.
- (c) The judge of division four (five) of said city court shall have all of the powers, duties and qualifications now provided by law for the judges of the city court of the City of Memphis and, except as the same may be inconsistent herewith, all provisions of law pertaining to the city court of the City of Memphis and the judges thereof, shall be applicable to division four (five) three of said court and the judge of division four (five).